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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Col. Hoffman of the Strategic Intelligence School verbally requested and received information on time specifications for effective foreign language training.

2. The FSI recommended that two good EE students in a special class in Hungarian extend training from 20 December to late January in order to acquire, beyond basics, effectively useable proficiency. EE was not able to accept the suggestion and FSI offer to add a month.

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3. As a method to eliminate most of the unavoidable panic necessitated by need to locate and employ temporarily native speakers to assist in "crash" requirements, unpremeditated and unseasonable, the School is developing a plan for collaborative development by the School and the Security Office of a Reserve of approved "stand-by" instructors to serve in these situations and as substitutes when needed. The existence of an approved Reserve of "stand-bys" will permit initiation of training for an unusual or unseasonable request in a calm, orderly manner instead of in the manner of a "flap." It will also permit the School to accommodate better to the usually peculiar specifications accompanying the "crash" requirement, especially in terms of time. Existence of an approved Reserve should be as much of a relief to the SO as to LAS.

4. All staff employees of LAS are contributors to the United Givers Fund. Nineteen are contributing to the Agency's collection; six are giving through other channels. 25X1A6a

5. Again, use of [redacted] unique talents is requested by the Office of Communications for a translation from English to Turkish of a technical paper, 25X1A6a that no other part or person in the Agency seems qualified to produce. While this type of work is outside our field of responsibility, and the activity adds burden to [redacted] and requires minor adjustment in his work, I have approved with belief that we should not defend ourselves legalistically, or on a basis of over-work, against providing a needed service available only from School staff.

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25X1A 7. FE/ [REDACTED] has inquired about possibility of getting a second student into the six-month course conducted by the FSI for the Air Force, in Japanese, beginning in January. C/LAS previously acquired one slot from the Air Force member of the IAC Roundtable. We believe the class is full, in which case we will ask for first option on any withdrawal.

8. Following SO's extraordinarily expeditious approval to employ three native speakers of French in the special class for strays, employment is now retarded by the Medical Office bottleneck. We shall endeavor to ride out the crisis by (a) temporarily using a clerical employee who is a native speaker, and (b) inviting one of the approved ladies to start on a voluntary basis with full compensation after medical clearance. It is worthy of note, I think, that part of our ability to meet this problem derives from our desire, in selecting employees, to consider versatility and possession of secondary talents in addition to primary qualifications for specific positions, and in situations like this we are especially grateful to the Personnel Office for its awareness of this concern and assistance to us in carrying it out. As a consequence, we have extensive reserve talents to use in situations that we are not justified in specifically acquiring.

9. [REDACTED] compared notes on area training capabilities with FSI's 25X1A9a Norman Pratt, recently appointed chief of area training in the Foreign Affairs School. The only major internal area training program presently being offered by FSI deals with China; external training is provided on all other areas except Western Europe and Latin America. FSI may wish to send two half-time Hungarian language students to our prospective BCS-Hungary before they enroll at a university for full-time area specialization. 25X1A9a

10. [REDACTED] have organized a regular weekly French language luncheon in the R&S Cafeteria, Wednesdays at 1200, for LAS staff French speakers and their guests. Designed to promote teamwork and to maintain present fluency levels, these gatherings will be organized informally by a secretary serving a month at a time.

11. BCS-Germany continues to draw as many auditors as students. Student panel discussions of outstanding recent books are proving to be highly profitable, and will be followed in the last two weeks of the course by seminar-type discussions on key problems. Guest speakers in recent classes included Jonathan Dean of State on personalities in the new Bonn Government; [REDACTED] 25X1A9a of DDP on West and East German security forces; [REDACTED] of EE 25X1A9a in a panel discussion of the Germans' behavior patterns and attitudes; [REDACTED] on 25X1A9a the development of the German language; [REDACTED] of OSI on West German scientific research trends; and [REDACTED] on Neo-Nazi tendencies and potential 25X1A9a in West Germany.

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